

## Getting Started: Terminology and Learning Resources

Understandably, you may find some of the terminology used in your reading for this module quite new. For example, you may be more familiar with the term 'Old Testament' than you are with 'Hebrew Bible'. Both terms, for the purposes of this module, are interchangeable but there are several other terms that you may need to look up in a biblical encyclopaedia or dictionary. There are several on-line dictionaries where you can do this and two are provided here: *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* and Browning's *Dictionary of the Bible*.

The version of the Bible that we recommend not only for this module but for the entire MA or MRes in Biblical Interpretation is the New Revised Standard Version. It is highly recommended that you purchase your own copy. There are very many other translations of the Bible available through the Bible Gateway site ([www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)) or the New Testament Gateway site ([www.ntgateway.com](http://www.ntgateway.com) and also [www.sots.ac.uk](http://www.sots.ac.uk)). You will find these websites very useful and you should explore them at an early stage in the module.

For the entire Master's programme, I would recommend that you use a commentary that you are comfortable with and know your way around. The commentary that I use for frequent reference is John Barton and John Muddiman (eds), *The Oxford Bible Commentary* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), but there are several others you can also use. We can discuss this during one of our seminars.

On the Learning Resources Centre portal (LRC) of UWTSD, you can access many resources. We have provided links to e-resources in several of the units for this module, but the list is not exhaustive. As well as full texts provided by e-books and journals, you will also find that by searching 'advanced search' on Google, you can access many pages (though not always continuous) of books that you may simply want to browse through.

Recommended reading is provided unit by unit, but in this unit (unit 2) I have provided links to a number of biblical handbooks, encyclopaedias and dictionaries and you should find these useful for reference purposes throughout the entire module and also for your assignments. In particular Leo Perdue's *Blackwell Companion to the Hebrew Bible* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2001) contains several excellent articles that provide useful background to the module units on the Hebrew Bible. It is a useful exercise to browse through the links provided in Unit 2 as these are all books that provide useful general and reference material.

It is good, too, at an early stage in your Master's programme to get into the habit of searching journals for relevant material. You will certainly need to do this at dissertation stage, but you are strongly encouraged to do so while you are studying individual modules. Below I have provided a list of journals that should all be searchable on-line through the LRC website by key words, authors or biblical topics. For example, you could try to research a topic now on the journal *Biblical Interpretation*.

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**Biblical Journals searchable on-line through the UWTSD Learning Resource Centre**

[Bible and Critical Theory](#) - Full text from Directory of Open Access Journals (all titles)

[Biblical Archaeologist](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database

[Biblical Interpretation](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database

[Biblical Research](#) - Journal of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research - full text from ATLA Religion Database

[Biblical Theology Bulletin](#) - Full text from SwetsWise FullText Titles

[Biblical World](#) - Full text from JSTOR Arts & Sciences III Collection

[Catholic Biblical Quarterly](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database

[Currents in Biblical Research](#) - Full text from SwetsWise FullText Titles

[Denver Journal](#) - An online review of current Biblical and Theological Studies - Full text from Directory of Open Access Journals (All titles)

[Horizons in Biblical Theology](#) - Full text from Ingenta Connect

[Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

[Journal for the Study of Judaism](#) - Full text from ATLA and JSTOR

[Journal for the Study of the New Testament](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database

[Journal for the Study of the Old Testament](#) - Full text from SwetsWise FullText Titles

[Journal of Bible and Religion](#) - Full text from JSTOR Arts & Sciences III Collection37

[Journal of Biblical Literature](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

[Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors](#) - Full text from JSTOR Arts & Sciences III Collection

[Journal of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis](#) - Full text from JSTOR Arts & Sciences III Collection:

[Journal of Semitic Studies](#) – ATLA Religion Database

[Novum Testamentum](#) - An International Quarterly for New Testament and Related Studies - Full text from ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials:

[Old and New Testament Student](#) - The Full text from JSTOR Arts & Sciences III

[Relegere: Studies in Religion and Reception](#) – a book review journal  
(<https://relegere.org/relegere>)

[Semeia: An Experimental Journal for Biblical Criticism](#) - Full text from ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

[T C : a Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism](#) Full text from Directory of Open Access Journals (All titles)

### **Other Useful online Resources**

A recent and particularly helpful resource is the SBL sponsored Bible Odyssey  
(<https://www.bibleodyssey.org>)

A Wiki on the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: <https://www.sots.ac.uk/wiki/>

For New Testament resources, see the New Testament Gateway ([www.ntgateway.com](http://www.ntgateway.com))

See also the helpful list of websites for biblical studies on the Yale website:  
<https://guides.library.yale.edu/c.php?g=295834&p=1972575>

See also <https://www.smu.edu/Bridwell/Find/ReligionTheologyWebsites>

And: <https://libguides.marquette.edu/c.php?g=36796&p=233769>

Internet resources available via Oxford Scholarships online:  
<http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/resource/InternetResources.xhtml>

### **What if the links do not work?**

If the links do not work or you have having difficulty, please contact Peter Duffield-Fuller  
([peter.duffield-fuller@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:peter.duffield-fuller@uwtsd.ac.uk)), our Academic Liaison Librarian, in the LRC.

If you have any query about the material or feel lost in such an array of resources, please contact Catrin Williams ([c.h.williams@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:c.h.williams@uwtsd.ac.uk))